

RIPPLE

A MANSION...?
WHERE IN THE
WORLD DID YOU
BRING US,
FLOUR?

HWA...

IT COULDN'T BE
HELPED BECAUSE
I HAD NO KNOWLEDGE
OF THE INTERNAL
LANDSCAPE
OF ZONE 2.



A close-up of two characters in a dark, shadowed environment. On the left, a character with short, light-colored hair is looking towards the right. On the right, another character with dark hair is looking back at the first character. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows.

I DO NOT
KNOW WHERE
WE ARE.

A close-up of a character with short, spiky purple hair. The character has a surprised or concerned expression, with wide eyes and a slightly open mouth. They are wearing a yellow jacket over a black shirt. The background is dark and indistinct.

IS THERE
ANYTHING THAT
YOU DO KNOW,
RASTARD?

BUT IT
LOOKS LIKE
WE'RE IN THE
RIGHT PLACE?



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THE FIRST
SUN I'M SEEING,
AT LEAST IN
ZONE 2

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SINCE
YOU SAID
THAT-

SO WE'RE
FINALLY



N ZONE 2.

WHO ARE
YOU LOT?



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THE CRIMSON KNIGHT

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WHO ARE
YOU LOT?

SPLASH







STRANGE,
MY SCHEDULE
DIDN'T SAY WE'LL
BE HAVING
GUESTS TODAY.



DON'T BOTHER.
WE JUST
HAPPEN TO
BE STOPPING
BY.

STOP JOKING.
THIS IS A PLACE



THAT YOU
COULDN'T
HAPPEN TO BE
STOPPING BY.



HUM?











WHY ARE
WE THE ONES
KIDNAPPED?

THE FLOUR
GASTARD WENT
EASY ON HER
BECAUSE SHE'S



MUTTER



WHAT'RE
YOU GONNA
DO



MUTTER

WHO WAS
IT THAT SAID
WE SHOULDN'T
MAKE
A SCENE







SO, YOU CAN
BE HONEST NOW.
WHY DID YOU
SNEAK IN HERE?

YOU MUST'VE
COME TO
ASSASSINATE
ME, RIGHT?



ASSASSINATE
BY
WHY WOULD
WE DO THAT?





THE
ONE WITH THE
HAND, GO
AHEAD.



WE NEVER HARM
HUMANS. I
APOLOGIZE FOR
TRESPASSING ON
YOUR PROPERTY.



SCORCH



HUH?
YOU DIDN'T
SHACKLE UP
THAT MISTER?









NOW TELL ME,
HOW DID YOU
FOUND THIS
PLACE?

FOR
WHAT PURPOSE,
OR USING WHAT
METHOD.



DON'T GET US
WRONG. WE
REALLY DON'T
KNOW WHAT THIS
PLACE IS.

I THINK WE'LL
ANSWER YOUR
QUESTION IF YOU
TELL US WHO YOU
ARE FIRST.





IF THAT'S
TRUE, THEN
YOU MUST NOT BE
FROM ZONE 2.

IT IS
IMPOSSIBLE TO
NOT KNOW ME
IN ZONE 2.

TAP

MY NAME IS
'MAYA BLAKE'

THE DE FACTO
RULER OF
ZONE 2

WHAT?
THEN YOU'RE THE
LORD OF ZONE 2!!

BUT YOU'RE
HUMAN...

DON'T LOOK
DOWN ON ME.
I AM ONLY
'STILL' HUMAN.

OF COURSE
I'M NOT THE
LORD,

BUT I'M
RUNNING
'GENTLE PUB'
HERE.

A PUB...?



IT'S NOT
AN ORDINARY
PUB.

ZONE 2 IS
FILLED WITH ALL
KINDS OF
FIGHTERS.

THEY COME
TO GENTLE PUB
TO SEE WHO
IS STRONGER
THAN THE
REST.



THEY BET
GREAT SUMS
ON WHO WILL BE
THE WINNER.



AND COZING ON

AND BOLENS ONE
EVERYDAY.



YOU
COULD SAY
IT'S THE BIGGEST
ENTERTAINMENT
AND ATTRACTION
IN ZONE 2.

IN ZONE 2,
THE PUB IS
THE LAW AND
THE TRUTH.

I RUN THAT PUB,
WHICH MAKES
ME THE LAW OF
ZONE 2.



OF COURSE,
THE ONES THAT ARE
UNHAPPY WITH THAT
FACT TRY TO KILL ME
MULTIPLE TIMES
A DAY.

BUT IT
DOESN'T
MATTER. THEY'RE
THE ONES
THAT DIE EACH
TIME.





NO,
WE ARE NOT.

WELL,
I'VE FINISHED
INTRODUCING MYSELF
SO WOULD YOU
KINDLY ANSWER
MY QUESTION
NOW?



WE DON'T
INTEND ON STAYING
IN ZONE 2 FOR LONG.
WE WANT TO GET TO
ZONE 1 AS QUICKLY
AS POSSIBLE.



-WHICH IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS. SO IT'D BE GREAT IF YOU COULD LET US GO WITHOUT MAKING A MESS



WHY?

WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO GO TO ZONE 1?

SUSHHHH









THEN
YOU SHOULD
COMPETE AT
GENTLE PUB.



THERE'D BE
MANY LIKE YOU,
TRYING TO GET
TO ZONE 1.



N-NO WAIT,
THAT'S NOT
WHAT WE...



BUT THERE'S NO
OTHER WAY.

WHICH IS WHY
EVEN I HAVE
NEVER SEEN TO
ZONE 1.



HEY...





HMM..?

SOFT
MUSCLES, YOU'RE
ALL FLESH
AND BONE.

HOW DID YOU
GET THOSE
SHACKLES OFF
BACK THERE?



YOU ALMOST
RIPPED THEM
OFF.

2-RAYNOLD...



THAT KID IS GONNA
BE A DEMAN SOON,
BUT DOESN'T SEEM
TOO HOSTILE TOWARDS
US BECAUSE SHE'S
STILL HUMAN...

IF SHE'S THE
DE FACTO RULER
OF ZONE 2, THERE
MAY BE SOME VALUE
IN USING HER

THE PROBLEM
IS THE TIME
IT'LL TAKE TO
GET TO
ZONE 1-

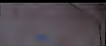
IF WE
COMPETE AT
'GENTLE PUB',
HOW LONG WILL
IT TAKE TO GO
TO ZONE 1?





TWO DAYS.
TWO DAYS
ARE ENOUGH.

ONLY IF YOU
NEVER LOSE.







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